



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

September 6, 2002

The Honorable John G. Rowland
Governor of Connecticut
Hartford, CT 06106

John:
Dear Governor Rowland:

I am pleased to announce the fifth year of incentive grant awards to States with .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) laws, as provided by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Your State is one of 33 jurisdictions that have enacted a .08 BAC *per se* law in compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements of this program. Also, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has received your State's certification that its .08 BAC law is in effect and is being enforced. Therefore, Connecticut will receive \$1,444,595 in FY 2002 funding under the Section 163 program.

The specific eligibility criteria and funding procedures for this incentive grant program were published in a final rule by NHTSA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the Federal Register on July 1, 1999.

Your State may use these grant funds for any project eligible under Title 23 of the United States Code. By September 30, your Representative for Highway Safety and your Secretary of Transportation must jointly identify, in writing to the appropriate NHTSA Regional Administrator and FHWA Division Administrator, the amounts of the State's grant that will be obligated to highway safety program areas and to Federal-aid highway projects.

I commend you for the actions your State has taken to reduce alcohol-impaired driving, and I thank you for the personal support you have provided to this most important lifesaving highway safety effort.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Norman Y. Mineta', is written over the 'Sincerely yours,' text.

Norman Y. Mineta